

Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy



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Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program Grant Research

In effort to better understand the expectations of the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and to improve our chances to receive grant funding from the Michigan Lighthouse Grant Assistance Program (MLGAP), the Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy members took a trip to the St. Joseph lighthouse last summer. That lighthouse was beautifully restored following a \$2 million capital campaign. Renovations were completed last spring.

The Grand Haven group was met by St. Joseph City Manager John Hodgson, who provided a narrated tour of the recently rehabilitated lights and catwalk. Much of the discussion surrounded the type of partnerships they formed on behalf of the lights, the successful fundraising and grant efforts as well as the quality of work they received throughout the various aspects of the rehabilitation project.

The City of Grand Haven and the Lighthouse Conservancy will continue to research area lighthouses and work with the staff and volunteers of those organizations to garner the information needed to be as effective and efficient as possible in the restoration lighthouse project in Grand Haven.

~ Marci Cisneros, Vice President GHLC and Director GHACVB



Our Mission	In this issue:
"To preserve and restore Grand Haven's Entrance and Inner Lighthouse structures along with any associated artifacts. Through public promotion and education, on site interpretive displays and artifact presentations the history and importance of the lighthouse structures will be conveyed to residents and visitors alike."	Letter from the President 1
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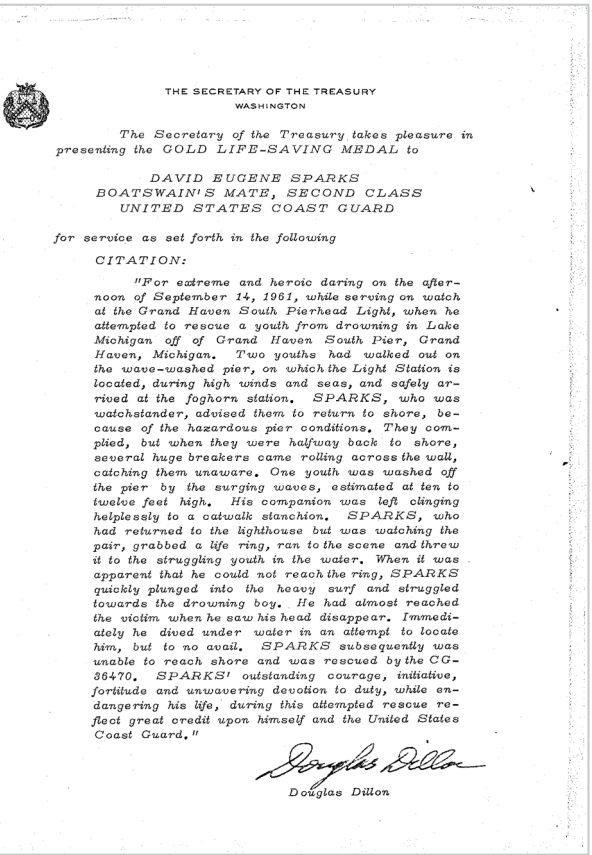
FROM THE PRESIDENT:

A few years ago, while I was attending the U.S. Coast Guard National Memorial Service, during the Coast Guard Festival here in Grand Haven, I had the pleasure to meet David Sparks. He was a member of the USCGC Woodbiner reunion group who visited every year. During our initial meeting we found a common thread, the Coast Guard and Lighthouses. Over the years we would meet during Coast Guard Week, typically at the Retirees Dinner and Memorial Service, we also golfed together during his visits.

My inclusion of him in the article it two fold, first I would like to draw your attention to the attached photo, the Gold Life-Saving Medal he received in 1961 while on watch, as a member of the U.S. Coast Guard, maintaining our Grand Haven Entrance Light.

Second, I would like to invite you to tell your story, share any information you hold which would add to the interpretation of our iconic lighthouses as we move through the planning stages to our public opening. You can contact me at dgkarpin@gmail.com or send a note to the City of Grand Haven, Attention Grand Haven Lighthouse Conservancy.

~BMC David G. Karpin, Ret. United States Coast Guard





PIER RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Guest Editorial: Christopher C. Schropp of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake MI Area Office Grand Haven

The South Pier of Grand Haven Harbor is undergoing much needed structural repairs to its deteriorated concrete surface. Construction to remove and replace the South Pier's concrete cap is currently underway, marking the first major repairs to the iconic pier structure since the 1950s. The South Pier will have its interior stone fill replenished and receive a new concrete cap which will improve and reinforce its overall structural integrity, assuring its role in protecting federal navigation interests for many years to come.

Grand Haven Harbor is a federal deep draft commercial harbor located on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan at the mouth of the Grand River. The Harbor received its congressional authorization from the River & Harbor Acts of 23 June 1866. The federal structures and navigational channel are maintained by the US Army Corps of Engineers. The timber crib substructure was first installed in the 1890s with superstructure encapsulation of concrete cap and steel sheet piling walls made in the 1950s. Together with the North Pier, the South Pier plays an important role in making the harbor a significant regional receiving port on the Great Lakes, a harbor of refuge, as well as a popular recreational destination.

In efforts to reduce risks to navigation interests, the US Army Corps of Engineers requested and received federal funds to design and make the necessary repairs to the crumbling concrete cap on the South Pier. The US Army Corps of Engineers awarded a construction contract to Vazquez Commercial Contracting, LLC in August 2016. Vazquez is a minority owned emerging small business headquartered in Kansas City, MO with a regional office located in Holland, MI. Vazquez has subcontracted with The King Co. a marine contractor, also located in Holland, MI, to perform a majority of the marine based work.

The current project requires approximately 1,400 linear feet of structural concrete cap of both the upper and lower slabs to be demolished, removed and replaced with new reinforced concrete. Prior to the placement of concrete, the interior of the structure will be examined to assess the condition of the structural steel members. Structural steel will be repaired and stone fill will be replenished as necessary. It is estimated that 1,650 cubic yards of concrete will be used for recapping. Due to limited access and load restrictions on the structure, the majority of repairs will be conducted from marine floating plant and crane barge.



Before construction could begin, coordination with the City of Grand Haven took place to have the historic catwalk structure temporarily removed so the repairs to the concrete could take place. The City of Grand Haven, which owns and maintains the catwalk, entered into a separate contract with The King Co. to have the catwalk disassembled and removed. This work was accomplished in August 2016. The catwalk will be refurbished and reinstalled after completion of the concrete resurfacing.

Construction on the federal project began in early October 2016, The King Co. mobilized its marine plant and commenced demolition of the cap. Selective demolition began on the upper slab landward of the inner lighthouse to determine the best means and methods for excavation. After several days of demolition and removal of approximately 100 feet of cap, work was halted for the season to due to high waves. The current schedule indicates demolition will resume in the spring of 2017, as soon as weather allows. Concrete placement will take place through the summer and it is anticipated that completion of the project will occur by late summer/early fall 2017. The structure will remain closed to pedestrians through completion.

The US Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District is pleased to work in cooperation with the City of Grand Haven and community, is proud to provide a project that will benefit navigation on the Great Lakes and is hopeful this project will serve as an exemplary example of the Corps' mission to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the nation.

SAVE THE CATWALK

Lighthouse supporters will be glad to hear that a capable and energized committee is busy raising funds to meet the goal of \$1 million to Save the Catwalk. Our beloved catwalk sits in storage at Verplank Dock, ready to brave another Michigan winter. This year should be better than the last; the wind and waves can't get at the catwalk when it is stored upriver.

The Save the Catwalk Committee meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation to discuss fundraising strategy and to review plans to renovate the catwalk. City leaders will soon decide how to proceed with this complex renovation/preservation project, with a goal of putting the catwalk back on the pier in the end of 2017 or in early 2018.

The committee has raised just over \$250,000, and there are several fundraisers planned to take place on the weekend of January 28, with a raffle, a cold water dumpster dive challenge, a 2.62 mile pajama run through downtown and an auction/beer tasting event at the Eagle's Club. Call City Manager Pat McGinnis at (616) 847-4888 for more information on catwalk restoration efforts.



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The Grand Haven Lighthouse Community Service Fund has received \$119,000 from brick sales thanks to the many supporters of the "Keep the Lights On" campaign.

Through the generous support of our donors and those that purchased bricks, Phase One of our efforts to preserve Grand Haven's historic maritime beacons has been completed.

Phase Two will follow once pier restoration and the catwalk is back in place. A grateful community, thanks you all!

